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Poly receives high rankings

Nicole Small
MUSTANG DAILY

U.S. News and World Report has named Cal Poly one of the best public-master's universities in the west for the 14th consecutive year. Overall, Cal Poly took seventh place in the Best in West category.

The only other two California colleges that ranked higher than Cal Poly on the list were Loyola Marymount University at fifth place and Santa Clara University at second.

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The College of Engineering's ranking for public school programs

Trinity University of Texas took the top of the list.

The rankings are divided into categories of study and evaluated based on a list of 15 factors that judge SAT scores, graduate retention and research activity, class size, student/faculty ratio and more.

Rankings can then be tabulated based on an institution's weighted score within its own category. Students, faculty and professionals in the field rate each campus. Categories include business, engineering, master's and national universities and liberal arts colleges. All institutions must be accredited.

"We're happy with the ranking. It's a reflection of our students and faculty," director of admissions and recruitment, Jim Maraviglia said.

The College of Engineering earned second place out of public school programs that offer a bachelor's or master's

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Mustangs rope in horseshoe



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Quick tackle Josh Mayfield and middle linebacker Kyle Shotwell proudly hold the Golden Horseshoe. Saturday's game was Cal Poly's first win over UC Davis at home since 1996.

Freshman a victim of robbery, assault

Kristen Marshall
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly student was a victim of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon on Friday night.

Ryan Alcaraz, 18, was found unconscious on the sidewalk near the corner of Monte Vista Road and California Boulevard, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

The biochemistry freshman was transported to Sierra Vista Hospital at about 10 p.m. The police were contacted near midnight after emergency personnel determined that Alcaraz had been struck on the head and was the victim of an assault, authorities said.

Several people reportedly fled the scene when Alcaraz was found, but the police had not yet obtained

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CSU system and faculty association fail to agree

Ronnie Meehan
MUSTANG DAILY

The California State University system and the California Faculty Association were unable to come to terms on several salary issues last month, but the CSU system does not believe the failure in negotiations will interrupt classes.

"It will be business as usual on all CSU campuses," said CSU media relations specialist to the chancellor's office, Paul Browning.

While the organizations have already come to an agreement on several economic issues, including healthcare and retirement, they have failed to come to terms on several others. Total salary compensation and an incentive and equity pay program for members of the bargaining unit are just a few of

"(CFA) did not accept our salary increase... (CSU) is disappointed because we see it as a very generous offer — we feel that if the faculty had a chance to look at it they would too."

—Paul Browning
CSU media relations specialist

the issues that remain unresolved.

"(CFA) did not accept our salary increase, which we thought was quite good," Browning said. "(CSU) is disappointed because we see it as a very generous offer—we feel that if the faculty had a

chance to look at it they would too."

A third party mediator will now be used to help negotiate a deal. The CSU system asked the Public Employee Relations Board to certify a declaration as the only

option toward reaching a resolution and last Thursday PERB granted a certification of a state of impasse.

The CSU system claims they offered the CFA a proposal that includes a 24.87 percent salary increase over four years, starting in the 2006-07 school year. This increase would bring faculty salaries close to those of faculty at institutions used for comparison by the Postsecondary Education Commission.

CSU salaries are currently below these comparable institutions by approximately 14 percent. After increases in cost-of-living, the current proposed salary offer would close this gap an additional 12.5 percent.

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COMING UP... EVENTS CALENDAR

What: Two ASI Student Government Interest Workshops

When: Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

Where: UU 220

For more info: 756-1291

What: Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston duke it out in "The Break-Up" — catch it for free! Seating is first come, first serve.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium

For more info: 756-1112

What: Author Alice Sebold will visit Cal Poly to speak about her book and PREFACE's pick "The Lovely Bones."

When: Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

Where: The PAC's Christopher Cohen Center

For more info: Call Patricia Ponce at 756-1380.

What: Free Craft Friday — try something different for free!

When: Friday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: The craft center in UU 111

For more info: Give the craft center a call at 756-1266.

Rankings

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degree under the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs.

Cal Poly's electrical engineering and industrial/manufacturing programs were among the top programs of their specialty category for a public university. In addition, computer science ranked No. 2 and aerospace took No. 3 in their own specialty areas.

Although data shows students and parents look at these reports, Maraviglia stresses what's more important than any ranking is the curriculum and the teaching philosophy of Cal Poly.

Lucas Oliveira and Mike Wolfe, both senior electrical engineering students, said companies within the industry already know Cal Poly by

name, the rankings only hold bearing on boosting Cal Poly's image. Wolfe said the rankings help the parents more than the students.

"It's good for our own personal self esteem," Oliveira said.

Wolfe shared that even though a graduate of an Ivy League school graduates with a higher grade point average, a company rather hire a student with more experience. Cal Poly requires engineering students to take a lab each quarter, offering more experience.

"It's always nice to be noticed," Maraviglia said.

And Cal Poly continues to be recognized in other studies as well. In a survey done by the Princeton Review on how happy students are with their college experience,

Cal Poly ranked 15th of 115,000 students surveyed at 361 schools.

Three hundred Cal Poly students participated in the Princeton Review survey.

Questions included in the survey pertained to how the students rated campus food, professors and social activities offered in the area. Cal Poly students polled they were "very" happy.

To see where other colleges ranked in comparison to Cal Poly for the Best Schools in the West, check out www.usnews.com.

Study: College students get 'F' in history

Brad Pareso

DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN STATE)

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The Monroe Doctrine was ... what? Don't feel bad, almost 75 percent of college students don't know the answer either, according to a recent study.

From a sampling of more than 14,000 students from 50 different colleges, the study found that college seniors knew 53.2 percent of the 60 multiple-choice questions they were asked, equaling an "F" grade. Freshmen, by comparison, scored lower.

Entitled "The Coming Crisis in Citizenship: Higher Education's Failure to Teach American History and Institutions," the study was conducted by the University of

Connecticut's Department of Public Policy and funded by Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Topics included American history, government, America and the world and market economy.

"We believe this is a big deal," said Mike Ratliff, executive director of the American Civic Literacy Program. "You are ready at different points in your education to study history in greater depth."

ISI ranked colleges based on their scores, and absent from the top of the list are the Ivy League schools. The top three slots all belong to less recognized colleges: Rhodes College, in Memphis, Tenn., Colorado State University and Calvin College, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The first Ivy League institution is Princeton

University, at number 18. Pennsylvania State University was not included in the study.

"I have had some very excellent history students at Penn State," Wilson Moses, professor of American history, said. "Let's face it, there are many people who simply don't care about history. In general, I am quite pleased."

The study is the largest statistically valid observation of its kind, save for the SAT, Ratliff said. Beyond that, there is no study to determine what college kids know, he added.

The lack of knowledge at the collegiate level has been speculated and, through the study, "we've put numbers to the sense that many people have written about — that we are in trouble," he said.

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Faculty

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The CFA maintains that most faculty members will receive far less than the proposed salary increase. They claim the incentive and equity pay program is no improvement over the CSU system's last proposal.

According to information on the CFA Web site, "the most recent program on the table would have given the administration full discretion over the distribution of these dollars and leave faculty members

the ability to appeal only to the president if dissatisfied with their awards."

The CFA and the CSU system have agreed to extend the terms of the current contract until Oct. 31, 2006.

The CSU system is the largest system of senior higher education in the United States, with 23 campuses, approximately 405,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff members.

The CFA represents 22,000 faculty members and lecturers at the 23 CSU campuses.

Alcaraz

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any descriptions by Saturday.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered that Alcaraz had been robbed and his property had not been returned yet on Saturday afternoon, the press release said.

Sgt. Rick Crocker of SLOPD said Alcaraz's condition has improved as of Sunday evening. He added that Alcaraz's father is in town and will meet with investigators today.

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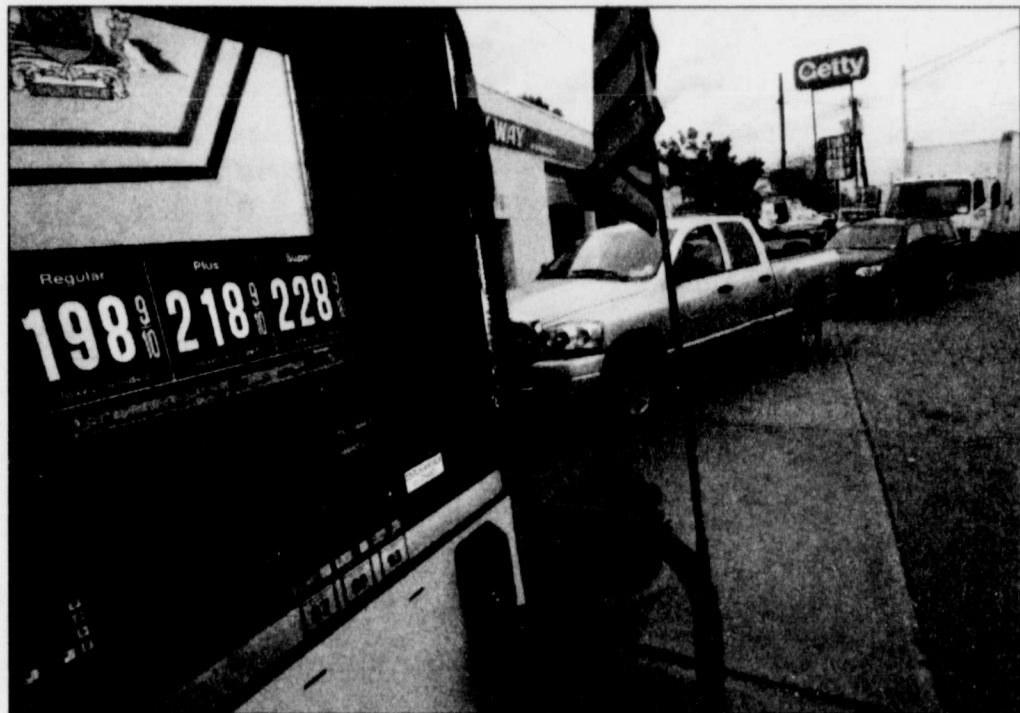
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Lower gas prices won't last, UC Davis professors say



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Drivers line up to buy gasoline for \$1.98 per gallon at this Getty station in Jersey City, N.J. on Friday, Oct. 6.

E. Ashley Wright

THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UC DAVIS)

DAVIS — Although consumers may be pleased with the price breaks they have recently received at the gas pumps, oil-consumption experts warn that the long-term effects of depletion may result in higher prices in the near future.

Several explanations for the

lower prices, down \$0.077 per gallon since last week and \$0.290 since October, 2005, have been given since costs dipped below \$3 per gallon, one of which is political.

With the mid-term elections approaching, Democratic Party candidates and critics have speculated that the Republican administration is manipulating prices to

offset criticism of the party's stringent energy platform.

However, according to David Osleger, a member of the University of California at Davis geology department and former geologist for the Gulf Oil Corp., the price of oil-per-barrel is constantly fluctuating and cannot be accounted for by any particular factor.

"The thing about oil prices is that it is so utterly unpredictable," he said. "There is no real grand scheme of setting the price of gas at the pump. It is all a reaction to global events and the rapidity of changes regarding issues in the Middle East, the repairing of pipelines in Alaska, Venezuela's president and numerous other things."

Osleger added that he feels gas prices could not realistically be affected by political motivations.

"There are so many variables that go into prices at the pump that I cannot conceive a way that the Republican administration could manipulate price," he said.

John Theobald, chairperson of the University of California's Oil Forum and professor at UC Davis, said politics are often involved in

petroleum-based energy issues.

"That may be a factor, but not an important one," he said. "I would concede that some political manipulation of price is possible, but the important point is that prices will be rising in the long run."

According to Theobald, the expectation of a long-term increase in gas prices does not equate to Americans paying less right now.

"We can expect a lot of fluctuation because markets don't go up or down in a straight line," he said. "But consumers should expect the price of oil products to increase significantly in the coming years regardless of short-term drops in price."

Regardless of oil prices, experts contend that the future of worldwide energy consumption will be in conservation and alternative fuels. Research efforts such as those at UC Davis hope to be at the forefront of such discoveries.

Theobald said that while oil is the most convenient fuel in terms of its form at room-temperature and usability, alternative energies are crucial to fulfilling future energy needs.

"It's important people under-

stand the importance of finding alternatives to oil," he said. "We need several long-range alternatives, not just one or two viable options. It is also about conservation. We need to study a range of different subject areas."

Osleger said Americans that have expressed frustration with the price of gas may not realize that costs are comparatively low.

"The prices we pay are extraordinarily low relative to a comparable amount of any other fluid, like water or orange juice," Osleger said. "The reality is we still pay a very reasonable amount. If gas kept pace with inflation and the amount of oil left in the ground, then we would actually be paying a lot more."

Osleger added that the United States will reach the point of peak oil in the near future and will have to consider its options.

"We could save enormous amounts of energy if we could get higher miles-per-hour in our vehicles, better hybrid cars and electric cars to improve our travel," he said. "The inevitable is switching over from hydrocarbons to alternative forms."

Briefs

State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Less than a week after the Food and Drug Administration lifted its warning on fresh spinach grown in California's Salinas Valley, a popular brand of lettuce grown there has been recalled over concerns about E. coli contamination. The lettuce does not appear to have caused any illnesses, Salinas-based Nunes Co. Inc. said in a statement.

CAMARILLO (AP) — A California Highway Patrol officer shot and killed a man who charged at him with a metal object in the bushes near a Sun Valley freeway off-ramp, authorities said.

The officer was exiting an Interstate 5 off-ramp at about 3:30 p.m. when a woman flagged him down and said she had been sexually assaulted by a man in the brush, CHP Officer Patrick Kimball said.

The officer spotted the man, who charged at the officer with a large metal object in his hand, Kimball said.

ELK GROVE (AP) — A pumpkin that grew to gargantuan proportions broke a state record, but it couldn't beat a monstrous squash raised under New England lightening and rain storms.

This year's winner of the giant pumpkin weigh-off at Elk Grove's 12th annual Harvest Festival registered 1,280 pounds, beating out another 120 California growers.

Grower Gary Miller of Napa said the 107-inch pumpkin "was just well behaved." Miller netted \$6,400, the prize for the heaviest pumpkin.

National

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — For the past five years, Sen. George Allen, has failed to tell Congress about stock options he got for his work as a director of a high-tech company. The Virginia Republican also asked the Army to help another business that gave him similar options. Congressional rules require senators to disclose to the Senate all deferred compensation, such as stock options. The rules also urge senators to avoid taking any official action that could benefit them financially or appear to do so.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rank-and-file Republicans on Sunday sought to mount a public defense of Speaker Dennis Hastert over the page sex scandal that threatens their congressional control one month before the elections.

But a House GOP leader under fire for his handling of the scandal involving former Rep. Mark Foley canceled a national broadcast appearance and one Republican lawmaker said those who participated in a cover-up would have to resign.

"Anybody that hindered this in any kind of way, tried to step in the way of hiding this, covering it up, is going to have to step down. Whoever that is," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

The House ethics committee is investigating the matter. If it finds evidence of a cover-up, the punishment could range from a mild rebuke in a committee report to a House vote of censure or expulsion.

International

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea's main ally, China, joined Japan in sending a strong message Sunday that a nuclear test by the North "cannot be tolerated," and Pyongyang appeared to back down from its threat as an important anniversary passed without any sign of nuclear activity. The estranged neighbors, holding their first summit in five years, put aside their differences over visits by the Japanese prime minister's predecessor to a Tokyo war shrine to issue a joint warning to North Korea.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has become a deadly place for journalists who run afoul of government officials or their business and political partners.

Those behind the killings are rarely brought to justice, reinforcing a sense of impunity that may have encouraged the killers of Anna Politkovskaya, a fierce critic of the war in Chechnya.

As the European Union and the U.S. demanded a thorough probe into Saturday's contract-style killing, there was skepticism that the authorities would ever uncover the culprits of a series of killings of journalists in Russia under President Vladimir Putin.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S.-led coalition said it killed 30 fighters in a battle Sunday with the country's most powerful Shiite militia amid growing American impatience with the Iraqi government's inability to stop militias responsible for escalating sectarian violence.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Departed' raises the bar for crime drama

Ryan Chartrand

MUSTANG DAILY

"Heaven holds the faithful departed," will be the last line going through your mind before "The Departed" departs on one of the most painfully satisfying storylines you will ever experience.

What is painful satisfaction? Imagine being thrown into the middle of the street by a husky Russian only to be flattened by a magical school bus (the satisfaction being that Samuel L. Jackson is the driver). Respected director Martin Scorsese has been the master of delivering such oxymoron emotions since he directed "Taxi Driver" in 1976 when he started getting the best actors in Hollywood to kill each other on-screen.

It's no surprise then that his most brilliant works have always had something to do with a guy getting a bullet stylishly planted into his head. "The Departed" is Scorsese's return to the days of

"Casino," "Taxi Driver" and "Goodfellas." The film is evidence that no matter how contemporary a genre he basically founded becomes, he'll always be the best at it.

Being that it's a Scorsese-led film with a cast that most directors only dream of, the film's plot is evidently a far cry from simplicity.

In its most basic form, however, "The Departed" is the story of two Boston cops, each with their own agenda and each with storylines just waiting to intersect with one another. Matt Damon plays a terribly unethical cop who thinks working for both the police department and Jack Nicholson's Irish mafia is perfectly normal. On the other hand, Leonardo DiCaprio plays the heroic and honorable undercover cop who is assigned to be a mole in the Irish mafia. Damon is unaware of this, hence the conflict.

There's a great deal of irony and engaging twists as Damon and DiCaprio's parallel yet sometimes

perpendicular storylines continue to evolve and eventually come together. Ultimately, Scorsese takes multiple climaxes, stomps them on your chest and ties the underlying theme of loyalty and faithfulness together with these multiple storylines beautifully. In other words, as always, it's more than just a bullet planted in a head; it's a really big bullet with "thematic" written all over it.

It was only natural that Scorsese would pick up DiCaprio again after he was nominated for an Oscar for "The Aviator," but how he knew ol' Leo would pull off a gritty Boston undercover cop still confuses me. Yet, "Titanic"-boy proved that with a little help from Hollywood's "Gritty-O-Matic," even handsome DiCaprio could be a badass in Boston. As for Damon, it's only once every good San Francisco 49ers season that he plays the bad guy and "The Departed" will probably be his best antagonist performance for a long time.

The real standout doesn't go to either of today's pretty boys, but rather to the legendary Jack Nicholson. Seeing him in the best love/hate role he's had since The Joker from "Batman" was probably the sole reason Scorsese took on the project (at least it should have been). Top it off with Mark Wahlberg in an unbelievably fitting role as a heroic, badmouthing Boston cop (despite Wahlberg's real-life history of being arrested by them) and you've got a cast that was born for such a brilliant story.

But what makes it all one truly

worthwhile package isn't the fact that Scorsese's name and a dozen others are flashing in bright lights all over it; the film works because Scorsese's filmmaking soul and the cast's untapped talent were injected into the film's core. DiCaprio says it best half-way through the film with the line "I'm in the room with a mass murderer and my heart rate is jacked...but my hand is steady." Scorsese skillfully creates a vicious Boston crime world with so much history. It tosses you in with casual, believable killers and all the while your heart is racing the Indy 500. But you're stable,

your hand is steady and you are fully aware of all that is happening around you in a world you don't want to be in. "The Departed" is an experience. Period.

Despite a background love story that never quite goes anywhere and a runtime of 2 1/2 hours that will eat up your day, "The Departed" is easily one of the most ruthless, fast-paced and painfully satisfying films you will see this year. As for those wondering if it's better than "Goodfellas" or "Casino," stop asking stupid questions. It's a Scorsese mafia film and as they say in Boston, "nuff said."



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Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" opened No. 1 at the box office over the weekend, making it the director's best opening weekend ever.

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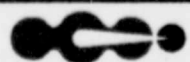
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MOVIE REVIEW

'The Queen' has more than a bee in her bonnet

Musse Haile

TUFTS DAILY (TUFTS U.)

MEDFORD, Mass. — Stephen Frears spares no time peeling away the layers and cutting straight to the heart of his new movie, "The Queen." Frears, also the director of the Oscar-nominated "Mrs. Henderson Presents" (2005) and "Dirty Pretty Things" (2002), takes on the circumstances surrounding the English government and royal family immediately following the death of Princess Diana.

The movie's characters define much of what writer Peter Morgan tries to convey through his screenplay. The royal family of England, in "The Queen" at least, is true royalty in every sense of the word. However, unlike previous monarchs, they function purely as figureheads.

Throughout the film, the royal family spends its time posing for

portraits, moving from castle to castle and hunting. As nobility, they enjoy the benefits of, well, nothing, and that's the thing about being a figurehead: There's not a lot to do, except to develop an obscene sense of self-entitlement.

Frears uses the family as a foil against Tony Blair, the newly elected prime minister of England. Played by Michael Sheen from "Underworld" (2003), Blair comes to symbolize the modern, as opposed to the classical, direction England has headed in the years since Princess Diana's death.

The real beauty of the movie lies in the way Frears blends fact and fiction. Although he recreates the crash scene of Princess Diana's death, he uses real news footage throughout the movie to inject an element of reality into the film.

Throughout the movie, tensions run high between Queen Elizabeth

(Helen Mirren) and Blair. The two are radically different, complete with conflicting ideas stemming from their contrasting parties and generations. Their differences become painfully clear after the death of Diana, and each person's individual reaction to the death is what defines the film.

Helen Mirren gives a stunning performance as the frigid sovereign Queen Elizabeth. However, it's the rest of the royal family who really steals the show. James Cromwell as Prince Philip is perfect as the befuddled Royal Consort, and Cromwell's interpretation of this particular figure embodies the idea of the royal family even more than Mirren's does.

After Diana's death, Philip is incredulous that Elizabeth has to do anything more than appear to the public. As an observer, it is easy

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Get some cash as a Hearst tour guide

Brigette Barbosa
MUSTANG DAILY

Low on cash? Determined to stay in San Luis during breaks, but not the behind the desk type? Leading tours through the grounds of one of California's state monuments may be just what you're looking for.

California State Parks is hiring Hearst Castle tour guides. Instead of heading home to mom and dad, you could be taking visitors on a tour through Casa Del Sol, Neptune and Roman pools, the castle library, Casa Grande and more.

"One thing people would like to do is stay in the area over the summer. This is one of the times this particular job can help," said Hearst Castle director of public relations Dan Eller. Eller has worked part-time at Cal Poly as a lecturer for the College of Liberal Arts.

The job applies to Cal Poly students in a number of ways. "It is excellent exercise and there is a uniform, so you don't have to worry

about buying an extensive wardrobe, which can get expensive," Eller said. Tour guides would work during the times of the year people travel the most because a majority of the visitors to the castle are tourists.

"Weekends, holidays, they're when people travel. This can work out around the student's schedule," he said.

The positions available are the guide trainee and the guide I, known as the permanent-intermittent (P.I.) position. To qualify for the P.I. position you must have at least

six months of prior public speaking experience. Eller said the experience doesn't necessarily have to come from a paid job. It can be from volunteering for the Red Cross and having to speak, being a member of ASI or different things on campus that would require you to face and speak to a large variety

"There are so many interests and aspects about this monument that it can work out for any student," Eller said. The experience gained and the improvement of public speaking skills are a few of the highlights, he said.

Working for a state agency enti-

of people.

If you haven't had any prior experience you are required to start at the guide trainee level. Trainees work one season to gain the needed experience and then take a civil service exam to try and move on to the P.I. position.

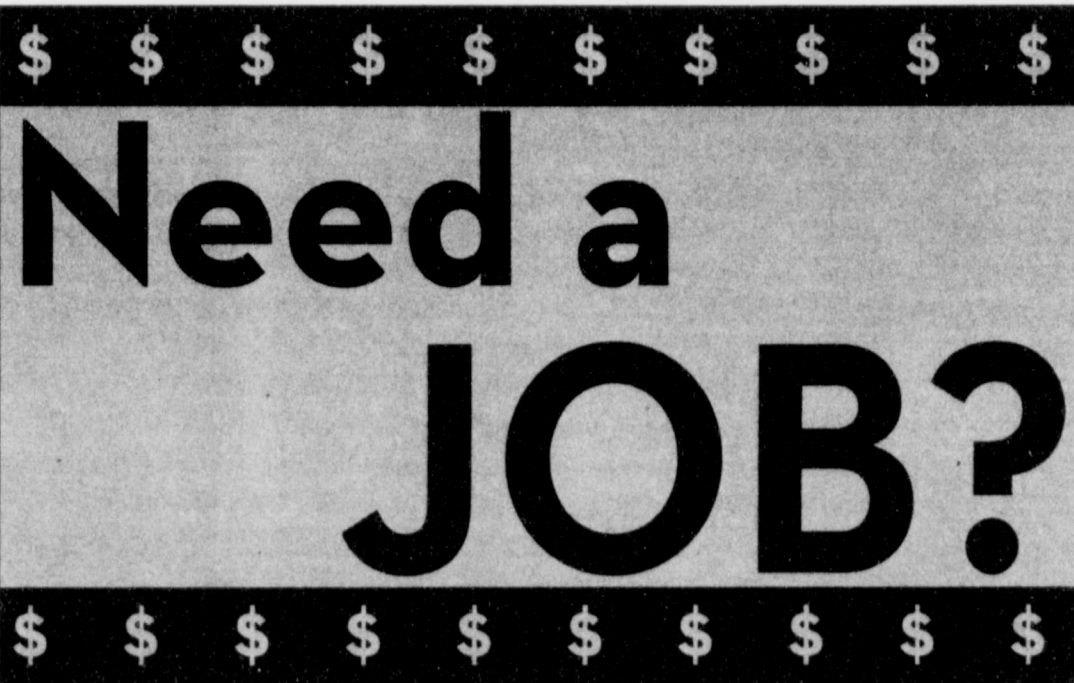
ties the employee to certain health benefits if they qualify. "These are benefits above and beyond hourly pay," Eller said.

Those interested are encouraged to attend Farmers' Market on Oct. 12, Oct. 26, and Nov. 9, to visit the information booths.

On Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, a one-hour informational workshop will be held at Hearst Castle. To make an appointment to attend the workshop, call (805) 927-2049 Dec. 3 to Dec. 6 between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to the press release.

"Our reputation with Cal Poly students is really strong," Eller said. "Years ago there was a class on campus that taught you how to be a guide. Now we do all the training at Hearst Castle."

Eller said people who are interested right now can call the Guide Supervisors Office at (805) 927-2085 for answers to basic questions, but highly encourages people to visit their information booth at Farmers' Markets.



MONICA YAMAMOTO MUSTANG DAILY



Mustang Daily TIME CAPSULE

October 9

- 1921 Babe Ruth hits his first World Series home run.
- 1947 First telephone conversation is made between a moving car and a plane.
- 1965 Beatles' "Yesterday," single goes No. 1 and stays No. 1 for four weeks.
- 1984 Kathy Sullivan becomes the first U.S. woman to walk in space.

Queen

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to grow frustrated while watching the vastly privileged interact, revealing their complete lack of understanding of the modern world. Despite all their titles and money, it becomes clear that this family resides in a completely different universe. It's an existence dominated by money and prestige entailing few, if any, responsibilities.

The performance of the royal

family creates the tension in the movie that carries it along. It's one thing to watch scene after scene of leisure and meaningless banter. The scenes following Diana's death highlight the bureaucratic nature of the throne.

Their various reactions to Princess Di's death drive this point home. The royal monarchy is so bound by rules and tradition they can't even conceive of displaying any human emotion. They can do little more than watch helplessly

from their country home's TV sets.

To provide a different perspective, Blair and his cabinet immediately react in order to capitalize on the opportunity, making endless statements to the public. The film even features a recreation of a famous press conference that transforms Blair into a press darling, much to the dismay of Elizabeth.

The second half of the film centers solely on Elizabeth, as the remainder of the characters fade to the background. Somehow, it

seems as if Frears is attempting to atone for his less-than-flattering treatment of the royal family with the final scenes.

Frears tries to end the movie by focusing on the Queen's half-hearted attempts to understand the world in which she now lives. It is difficult, however, to muster sympathy for a woman who believes her position in the world is a matter of divine right.

Although much of the second half lags, the movie functions well

as a whole, holding up beautifully under the pressure of topics as sensitive as these. "The Queen" is a simple film, refreshingly stripped of the usual Hollywood trappings, and its superb ensemble cast allows it to capture the sorrow and intrigue of a significant event in modern British history.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Reading between the lines at El Corral

It is nearly impossible to begin a quarter at Cal Poly without the inevitable and horrible trip to El Corral. From long lines to high prices; you are guaranteed a stressful shopping trip. However, even worse than the lines and prices is El Corral's Buyback Program. At the close of last year I went to El Corral to sell some books back on behalf of a friend. This was a horrible mistake. Even with the passage of a relaxing summer I cannot look back on this day without wanting to kick something. El Corral wanted to give a measly \$30 for a book my friend spent \$150 on. A light bulb, one that had been dark for too long, went off.

"How much are you going to sell it back for?" I queried the fine looking gentleman behind the counter (You will see in a few moments just how fine he was).

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repackage it and put it on the shelf. If the bookstore is making \$80 to transport a book from counter to shelf then I pray they are hiring good looking, lanky guys like myself. They probably pay their employees \$50 an hour

certainly have an odd way of ripping their target customers off. I do not have an official line from El Corral explaining the reasoning behind this absurd markup. Cal Poly Corporation, the owners of El Corral, do many quirky things.

I didn't realize El Corral hired celebrities and models to take the book from me, repackage it and put it on the shelf.

and provide them with on-the-job massages. It must be like working for Google. I wonder if they provide lunch as well? Google does.

For the lengths at which El Corral goes to come off as a friendly, well to do organization trying to help students out, they

Such as being called a corporation. When was the last time a corporation actually wanted to help its customers? For an institution designed to, according to their Web site, "assist (students) with the financial demands of gaining and education," you would think two

things. First, with their massive markup they could hire someone to edit their mission statement so it's grammatically correct.

This is an institution of higher learning.

Secondly, and more importantly, you would hope they would provide their "services" at a reasonable price. Apparently not.

It is time we let the market forces dictate to El Corral that they should put up or shut up. I urge everyone reading this to use ASI's online Classifieds. It is a great place to find and sell books at reasonable prices. I have saved many dollars by procuring books through this site than through El Corral. Think of what you could do with a few extra bucks in your wallet. You could buy me lunch. It's a start.

David Hansen is an environmental horticultural sciences sophomore and guest contributor to the Mustang Daily.

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Tips for a ridiculously successful letter to the editor

Welcome back to another year Letters to the Editor! Here, even the lowliest freshman's opinion can be heard among students who enjoy crossword puzzles and Sudoku. For those unfamiliar to this section, the following tips will guarantee your journalistic endeavors

are as effective and provocative as possible:

1. Use ad hominem attacks, anecdotal evidence, bifurcation, and other so-called "fallacies."

Attacking another person's character and/or using straw man tactics are excellent ways of taking attention away from the original argument, while making your own position look awesome.

2. Absolutism is your friend. Words such as "all," "everyone," and "never" lend credibility and authority to your points.

3. Ignore sarcasm, whether implied or explicit. The Mustang Daily abhors satire and irony in any form, and never prints it.

Thus, one should reply to all opinions and editorials as if the author meant exactly what he or she said, literally.

4. Should you choose to do any research at all, never cite your sources. Just say "It's generally accepted fact..." or "Everyone knows that..." This makes you appear knowledgeable — yet mysterious — about the subject at hand. This "intelligent mystique" is also a great way to score with members of the opposite sex.

5. Finally, "Die in a fire" is an acceptable retort in any situation. For added effect, invoke Godwin's Law: "Die in a fire with your pal Hitler."

I hope this guide helps to improve and encourage your contributions to the public discourse. If nothing else, you'll be a master debater.

Daniel Wang
computer science senior

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Officials fumble with turnout at football game

Cal Poly football is big this season. Ranked No. 5 in Division I-AA, the Mustangs have a 5-1 record and students are eager to show their school spirit.

Saturday night marked the 28th annual Horseshoe Classic rivalry game between UC Davis and Cal Poly. An abundance of students in green shirts and painted faces anxiously waited — in line that is.

Students began arriving an hour before kickoff with the knowledge that the uncompleted Spanos Stadium would be filled to capacity. By 5:15 p.m. the line of eager fans, moving at a snails pace, wrapped up South Perimeter, around the corner on Cuesta Avenue and past the Cochetti Education Building.

The Mustangs had an exciting come-from-behind 23-17 victory over the Aggies, which hundreds of Cal Poly students didn't see, unless you count the ones in the trees outside the north end zone; not exactly the seats students expect when they go to see their team play.

A lowly 8,435 spectators were able to attend this year's Horseshoe Classic compared to 9,387 in 2004 and 8,588 in 2002. The delay in construction of the new East Concourse seating has wreaked havoc on attendance all season long.

Hundreds of students were turned away at the gate after waiting for nearly an hour to get in. The game had already begun by the time many, still in line, figured out that there weren't enough seats and started



JENNIFER HALL MUSTANG DAILY

Students try to catch a glimpse of the Cal Poly football game Saturday night from behind the stadium fence.

ed to look for alternatives; choosing trees, stairways and bush-obscured spots behind the fences.

No one from Cal Poly athletics bothered to tell the students that they weren't letting anyone else in.

The game sold out of general admission tickets on Oct. 3, but Cal

Poly kept 1,000 additional general admission tickets available for students at \$15 a seat. However, most students that were unable to get in opted for their own, free method of seating.

The East Concourse seats, still looking rather sparse, are supposed to be completed by Oct. 21 in time for the Homecoming game and should allow for 10,000 spectators, a number that may have been exceeded Saturday night.

With the growing success of the Mustang football team, more students and the general public will be trying to attend the games in the stadium that, even with the additional \$4 million renovation, can't hold enough people.

It's time for the students to show Cal Poly that they are proud of their football team and that they deserve to see them play from inside their stadium.

Editorials reflect the opinion of the Mustang Daily.

Poly men's soccer team beats UC Davis, 3-2

Freshman forward Andrew Cruz had two shots on goal and scored for Cal Poly.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's soccer team scored three straight goals and improved its record to 5-5-3 overall with a 3-2 victory over rival UC Davis (6-5-2) on Saturday afternoon in Davis.

Sophomore goalkeeper Eric

Branagan-Franco recorded three saves and picked up the win. At the 32-minute, 50-second mark, UC Davis' Mariano Arrua scored on a header in on the right side from Dan Campbell. The Mustangs rebounded early in the second period on an unassisted goal 10 yards out by freshman Dominic Papa. Cal Poly freshman Andrew "Boomer" Cruz continued the offense and at the 54:18 mark put

in a goal from the left side on an assist from Julian Alvarez. Cal Poly's Jeff Meyer Jr. scored his third goal of the season in the 78th minute on a breakaway pass from junior Todd Combs. Cal Poly's record in the competitive Big West Conference stands at 1-2-1. The Mustangs return home for a matchup with Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sports Complex.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly senior midfielder Danielle Camarena moves the ball against Long Beach State sophomore midfielder Hayley Bolt on Sunday at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs tied the visiting 49ers by a 0-0 score after two overtime periods. Bolt had two shots, including one on goal. The game followed Cal Poly's thrilling 1-0 win Friday over UC Irvine.

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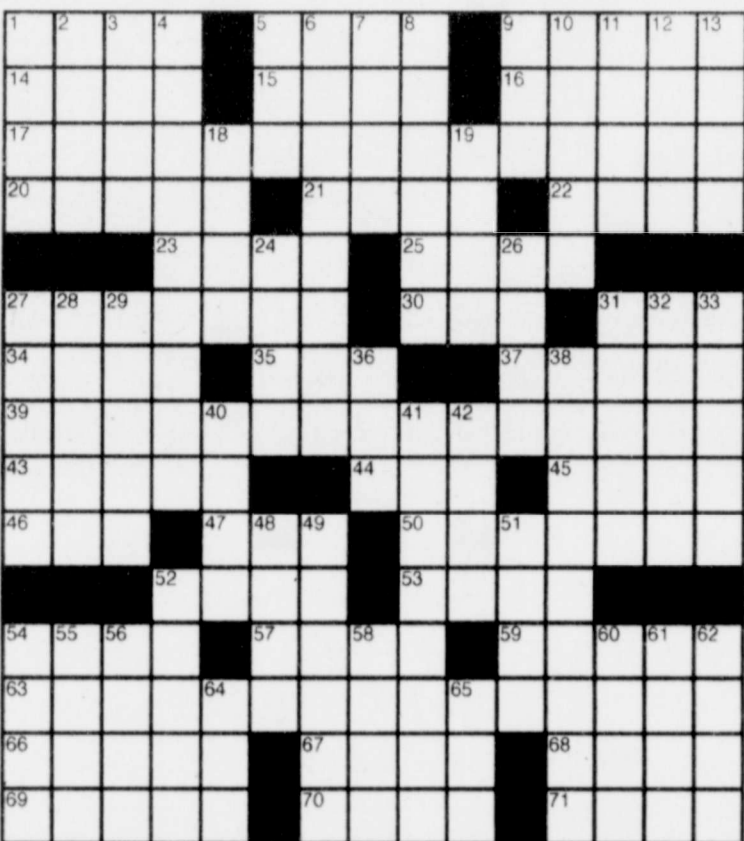
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Women's Soccer

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Birkinshaw, who had one shot on goal. "(Cal Poly) got a lucky break on us at the end."

Before the game, Crozier said the Mustangs are getting a good rhythm in their strategy to attack and remain in control of the ball.

"We are getting better each week and should be peaking toward the end of the season," he said. "We play very good soccer and it's exciting to watch."

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Mustangs edge rival Aggies, 23-17

The Cal Poly football team defeated UC Davis in San Luis Obispo for the first time since 1996.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Matt Brennan called it redemption.

The sophomore quarterback had every right to after helping the Cal Poly football team to a 23-17 Great West Football Conference win Saturday night over visiting rival UC Davis in front of 8,435 fans at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Brennan, whose 1-yard touchdown run gave Cal Poly a 20-10 lead as time expired in the third quarter, was referring to a 20-13 loss at UC Davis last year in which he was 9 of 20 and absorbed six sacks in his first career start.

"This game means so much to the seniors," Brennan said. "I really felt terrible, almost like I let the team down last year. The game wasn't any one person's fault, but the quarterback touches the ball every snap. I used that feeling to fuel myself to get pumped up for this game."

Brennan completed 6 of 15 passes for 90 yards Saturday and his lone interception worked like a punt. He has now quarterbacked two consecutive comeback victories.

Cal Poly (5-1, 2-0), which might move up from No. 5 today in The Sports Network's Division I-AA rankings, won the Horseshoe Classic for the first time since the 16th-ranked Aggies (2-3, 0-1) moved to the I-AA level in 2003. After the game, Cal Poly players and coaches celebrated en masse around the Golden Horseshoe trophy.

"It's one of our season goals every year," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said of beating UC Davis. "We come up with four or five goals and that's right there at the top."

Cal Poly, now second among 117 Division I-AA teams in fewest points allowed per game (9.7), held UC



Cal Poly sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan (3) evades the tackle of UC Davis senior cornerback Nevan Bergan (26) as Fred Hives II (6) and Will Hames III (72) look on. Brennan has led two straight comeback wins for the Mustangs, who rallied past the Aggies 23-17 Saturday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Davis' vaunted spread offense to a 5-for-16 conversion rate on third down. The Aggies had twice as many first downs (18) as the Mustangs, but were outrushed 121-59 and forced to punt seven times.

"Especially on defense, we're very confident," said Cal Poly senior middle linebacker Kyle Shotwell, who had 10 tackles and a sack. "If there is a play to be made, everyone feels like they can make it. No one's scared to make a play."

That the swarming double-eagle flex Cal Poly defense did, time and again harassing UC Davis senior quarterback Jon Grant in a way the Walter Payton Award candidate had not seen earlier in the season.

Grant was 18 of 40 for 231 yards and two touchdowns, but was picked off once, sacked three times and had to endure 12 quarterback hurries.

"None of us thought we were

going to shut out Davis," Ellerson said. "That's as good an offense as we've seen. Frankly, that's a 'great effort to hold them to 17 (points).'"

After trailing 10-3 at halftime, field position was the biggest reason Cal Poly was able to outscore UC Davis 17-0 in the third quarter.

"We were pinned down in our territory so deep," UC Davis head coach Bob Biggs said. "You're a little bit nervous about what you're calling. Field position in that third quarter was tough."

The turning point was a safety out of the south end zone accounted for by Wes Pryor's block of a Gabe Ellis punt, narrowing the deficit to 10-5 just 1:56 into the third quarter.

"We needed something to pick us up and that was the spark," Shotwell said. "Wes Pryor tore it up on special teams."

Cal Poly sophomore tailback and

Walter Payton Award candidate James Noble carried 23 times for 121 yards and a touchdown. His 2-yard scoring plunge with 7:53 left in the third quarter and subsequent two-point conversion run gave the Mustangs a 13-10 lead.

Sophomore wideout Ramses Barden caught three passes for 71 yards for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly kicker Nick Coromelas was 2 for 3 and landed four punts inside UC Davis' 20-yard line.

Senior free safety Kenny Chicoine returned a third-quarter interception 23 yards to set up Brennan's touchdown run. On the play, Chicoine tied Cal Poly's all-time record for interceptions (17).

"They were mixing it up," UC Davis preseason All-American receiver Tony Kays said of the Mustangs' defense. "I think No. 1 (defense) in the nation isn't too far off."

When Wes Pryor blocked Gabe Ellis' punt for a safety, the momentum completely shifted.

Devan McClaine
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It was a tale of two halves for the Cal Poly football team Saturday night.

The first-half version of the Mustangs looked lethargic and sloppy at times. Version 2.0 looked hungry and proved it right out of the gate — all this version needed was one play to capitalize on that hunger.

It came on the first possession in the third quarter. After Cal Poly nose tackle Chris White sacked UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant, the Aggies were forced to punt from their own 2-yard line. Junior middle linebacker Wes Pryor provided the spark that would carry the Mustangs through the rest of the night.

Pryor blocked a Gabe Ellis punt, which was recovered by the Aggies in the south end zone for a safety. Neither UC Davis nor Cal Poly was the same team after that.

Although Cal Poly was only down 10-5, the change in attitude in the Mustangs was palpable. On the sideline, silence was replaced by that buzz that you hear when a football team takes momentum and has no intention of relinquishing it.

Suddenly, the top-ranked scoring defense in Division I-AA came alive and played like the unit that had allowed a stingy 8.2 points and 185.2 yards per game entering.

UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant witnessed the change as well. Grant had tortured the Mustangs all night with a couple of big third-down completions to keep drives alive in the first half and seemed to be making throws when he needed to.

In the first half, Walter Payton Award candidate Grant looked confident and poised. The post-safety Grant was 8 of 17 for 64 yards and was intercepted by Cal Poly free safety Kenny Chicoine.

Vallis' game-winner nets Mustang women's soccer team's first Big West victory, 1-0 over UC Irvine

The sophomore forward scored in the 106th minute.

Nicole Small
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's soccer team won its first Big West Conference game against visiting UC Irvine by a 1-0 score in double overtime Friday night.

The 426 fans packed into the bleachers at the Sports Complex went wild when sophomore forward Ashley Vallis ended the 0-0 score on an assist from Kaleena Andruss.

"I always expect something from the box," Vallis said of the game-winner after the Mustangs stormed the field in happiness. "I anticipated

the shot and just followed through."

This being the Anteaters' first Big West Conference game as well, both teams were unwilling to give a goal away so easily.

Cal Poly (7-5, 1-0) dominated the field in the first half, making good use of the field with long, clean passes, slowing down the pace of the game and leaving the Anteaters (3-8, 0-1) defending their side.

The Anteaters warded off 14 shots while the Mustangs blocked eight shots on their side. However, UC Irvine had more shots on goal compared to Cal Poly, 6-4.

UC Irvine goalkeeper Erin Henry kept the Anteaters in the game when she caught a shot taken by Cal Poly midfielder Meggie

O'Hagan at the end of the second half from 25 yards out.

Equally, Cal Poly goalkeeper Alli Tramel in the last minute of the second half made a game-saving snatch from a corner kick taken by UC Irvine.

"We had the positioning, we just didn't finish our chances," Cal Poly junior midfielder Erica Leger said of the first 15 minutes of overtime.

By the time the second overtime session, both teams were still intense.

"It was a great ball game," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said.

UC Irvine had six players attempt

shots.

"We had just as many chances," said UC Irvine defender Lauryn

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20th-ranked Cal Poly volleyball team stays perfect in Big West

The Mustangs swept Cal State Fullerton 3-0 and are 5-0 in Big West Conference play.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone led all players with 17 kills and No. 20 Cal Poly failed to trail at any point Saturday evening in remaining perfect at Mott Gym courtesy of a 30-22, 30-21, 30-26 victory against Cal State Fullerton.

Big West Conference-leading Cal Poly (13-4, 5-0), off to the second-best league start in program history, hasn't dropped a game at Mott Gym in 2006 following sweeps of UC Davis (Sept. 19) and UC Riverside (Oct. 6).

Cal Poly stole the first four points of the opening game and raced to a 15-8 lead. The Titans (13-5, 1-3) fought to a 19-15 gap but failed to close any additional ground as Atherstone pounded out six kills in the set.

A kill by freshman outside hitter Ashleigh Bertoni helped the Mustangs leap out to an 18-8 lead en route to a 2-0 games advantage.

Atherstone hit .342 while setter Chelsea Hayes recorded 40 assists and libero Kristin Jackson tallied 21 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Alicia Waller added 10 kills for Cal Poly.

Cal Poly now trails only the 1985 Mustangs for best conference start in program history.